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17 February 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Procurement Division, OL

ATTENTION: [redacted] 25X1A

THROUGH: Chief, Support Staff, NPIC

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal

1. Recent knowledge acquired by the Plans and Development Staff indicates that NPIC very likely will be required to exploit film widths wider than 9½ inches. In order to properly evaluate the impact of these inputs, it is essential that adequate statistical data be gathered to allow sound decisions to be made for the modification of existing equipment or for the development of new equipment.

2. The Development Branch has the capability but not the manpower for conducting such a survey. It is therefore essential that outside assistance be procured in support of the Plans and Development Staff.

3. It is requested that your office secure a cost analysis and proposal from [redacted] for a survey designed to provide the following information: 25X1A 25X1A

a. A brief description of the alternatives available to NPIC to accommodate film widths from 9½ to 24 inches, such as adoption of a chip system, splitting film at the processing site to provide film widths no wider than 9½ inches, or modifying all exploitation equipment to accommodate the wide film.

b. Suggestions for film handling component redesign.

c. Cost to provide the suggested modifications.

d. Estimated time to accomplish the suggested modifications.

4. It is recommended that this proposal be solicited on a sole source basis since much of the work involved in this survey can be

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accomplished concurrently with the consulting duties now being provided to the NPIC maintenance effort by [redacted] already has the necessary clearances essential for the performance of such a survey. 25X1A
25X1A In addition, the [redacted] is a non-manufacturing research organization which would avoid a conflict of interest issue. The contract should be [redacted] Secret and the work Top Secret TKH. 25X1A

5. Your assistance in soliciting this proposal as rapidly as possible will be greatly appreciated. It is estimated that the survey will take approximately 60 days, and it is essential that the completed survey be available to the Plans and Development Staff at the time its budgetary program review takes place in May 1965.

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Assistant for Plans and Development

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